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Recent empirical studies of large carnivores and mammalian prey show their predator-prey relations to be highly malleable<sup>1</sup>. Moreover, much of the uncertainty about the importance of predation by large felines on large-bodied apes stems from the rarity of observed encounters between the two parties<sup>2</sup>. For example, Boesch<sup>3</sup> asserts that most studied populations of chimpanzees experience little or no such pressure, and so are not 'real' chimpanzees. Most data on the subject are indirect, so any direct observations are to be prized<sup>4,5</sup>. The following note was written in 1974 but never published; it is reproduced here with only minor typographical corrections, in order to add to this sparse data-set.

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